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WORK OF CONGRESS.

That the National Representatives are Doing.

IN THE SENATE.

West Virginia Direct Tax Re-discussed.—The Work of the House.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.

The committee on finance reported

favorably the bill for the free coin-

age of gold and silver bullion; Mr.

McMillan's bill to increase the circu-

lation of the medium by issuing treasury

notes based on coin and bullion; a

bill introduced by the late Senator

providing for the retirement

of national bank notes and the free

issue of silver. At the request

of Senators Cockrell and Colquitt

the committee also reported ad-

versely Mr. Hise's bill to re-enact

the act to secure a national cur-

rency and pledging United States

lands; Mr. Peffer's bill providing

for the loan of money to the farmers

of Indiana; and Mr. Kyle's bill

for the payment of money

to certain issues of money

holders for the payment of all

debts. These bills were indefinitely

postponed without objection. Mr.

McMillan, from committee on public

lands, reported favorably a bill for

the erection of a monument to Gen-

eral S. Grant upon a public

square in Washington. Mr.

McMillan introduced a bill to

prevent the coming of Chinese

immigrants into the United States. The

bill was accompanied by correspon-

dence which he asked be printed

and the whole subject referred to

committee on foreign affairs. It

was ordered. Mr. Gibson, of

Alabama, offered a joint resolution

for the commission of five Senators,

Representatives and three ex-

ecutives to enquire into the depressed

condition of the agricultural inter-

est and the low prices of agricul-

tural products, particularly cotton,

the causes thereof and to re-

port to Congress. The discussion

of the contest between Vir-

ginia and West Virginia,

resumed. Mr. Daniel, of Vir-

ginia, moved to refer to judiciary

committee Senatorial resolution No.

1, directing the Secretary of Treas-

ury to pay over to West Virginia

the proportion of the direct tax fund,

which had previously passed the

Senate but which, on his motion, had

been reconsidered. The debate

continued into a general considera-

tion of the relation of the two States

and was participated in by Mr.

McMillan, of West Virginia, Mr.

McMillan, chairman of committee on

lands, and others. Mr. Daniel in

the course of his remarks had refer-

red to Mr. Faulkner, of West Vir-

ginia, as being interested in the

question and as hav-

ing himself drawn up the report of

the committee on claims on the bill.

Mr. Faulkner rising to reply re-

marked that the Senator from Vir-

ginia could not discuss a purely

personal question without indulging in

some warmth when Mr. Dan-

iel said that if he had said

the Senator from Virginia

considered personal

he was entirely without

reasoning and pointed out he

had instantly withdrawn it.

He then proceeded to re-

mark for the Senator from

West Virginia and for the great

wealth he represented. Mr.

Faulkner, instantly mollified, said

he would not do otherwise than ac-

cuse so manly and courageous a dis-

cussioner in the same spirit with

which it was made. Calm peace once more descended upon the deliberations of the Senate and the discussion of the legal aspects of the case was continued to the exclusion of the regular order, the printing bill. Ten minutes before the hour named for the memorial remarks on ex-Representative Houk, of Tennessee, Mr. Sawyer, chairman of the committee on postoffices, asked the Senate to yield for a brief executive session. Before this was agreed to Mr. Faulkner secured unanimous consent that he should be permitted to continue his remarks after the morning hour tomorrow. At 3 o'clock the public session of the Senate was resumed and eulogies on ex-Congressman Houk were delivered, and at 3:30 p. m. the Senate, as a mark of respect to Mr. Houk's memory, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. Mr. McMillan, from committee on rules, reported favorably the resolution providing for full investigation of the Keystone national bank, the Spring Garden national bank, of Philadelphia, and the Maverick National bank, of Boston, by the committee on banking and currency. Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, offered a resolution which was referred to the committee on rules to inquire and report to the House as to the rights of the Secretary of Treasury to use the one hundred million gold reserve for current expenses. A bill to abolish the minimum punishment for the violation of the internal revenue laws was considered. The principal feature of the bill directs that no warrants shall be issued in internal revenue cases upon an affidavit making charges upon information and belief unless made by certain official persons. In every other case a sworn complaint is required alleging the facts to be within the personal knowledge of the affiant. The bill gave rise to considerable discussion and the morning hour having expired the bill went over. The President's annual message was then referred to the various committees for consideration. The military academy appropriation bill was called up by Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, and the House proceeded to consider the same. Mr. Wheeler explained the provisions of the bill giving the total appropriation as \$465,795, being \$114,247 less than the average amount of appropriations for the military academy for the last three years. Mr. Dockery, of Missouri, opposed the bill and stated that it carried \$64,000 more than was carried in the last Congress. This was the first bill presented this session and yet it was an extravagant bill. If the Democratic party intended to redeem their pledges to the country it should not pass this bill. Mr. Blount of Georgia referred to the extravagance of previous Congresses and said that it was the duty of the Democratic Congress to retrench expenditures. Mr. Sayers, of Texas, said that in view of the present condition of the treasury and of the country the committee on military affairs had increased this bill \$53,000 and that in its present shape it should not receive the assent of Congress. Pending further discussion, the committee rose and at 5:15 the House adjourned until to-morrow.

Both Legs Broken.

Special to STATE CHRONICLE.

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 9. News has reached here that Hon. J. J. White, senator from Randolph and Moore counties, in 1889, had both legs broken by a falling tree at his home in Trinity College, Randolph county.

ALFRED M. SCALES.

The Ex-Governor and Soldier Rests With His Fathers.

HIS NOTABLE LIFE.

In Every Official Position he Served With Strict Fidelity.—The Visit of the Death Angel.

Special to State Chronicle.

GREENSBORO, Feb. 9. General Alfred M. Scales, ex-Governor of North Carolina, died here at 9:05 to-night.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Alfred Moore Scales was born November 26, 1827, at "Ingleside," in Rockingham county. He studied law under Judges Settle and Battle and was admitted to the bar about 1850, and in 1852 was solicitor of the county court of Rockingham. He served in the legislature of 1852-3. In 1855 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress in his district, and though Scales was defeated, his Whig opponent was elected by a much decreased majority. The year 1854 saw him again in the legislature and in 1857, after a spirited canvass, he defeated Hon. R. C. Puryear, his former Whig opponent, and elected to Congress. Two years later he was re-nominated, but was defeated by Gen. Leach, the nominee of the Whigs. In 1860 Gen. Scales was elected on the Breckinridge-Lane ticket. At the opening of the war Gen. Scales volunteered as a private, but quickly rose to the rank of Captain. He succeeded Pender as Colonel of the 13th North Carolina, and was in the skirmishes at Yorktown, the battle of Williamsburg and the fights around Richmond, at Fredericksburg and in Jackson's flank movement at Chancellorsville, where he was wounded. Shortly after this battle and while recovering from the effects of his wound, Scales was made Brigadier-General. General Scales was also severely wounded at Gettysburg. From this time on he was engaged in all the battles of the Army of Northern Virginia except the final struggle at Appomattox. In 1874 he was elected to Congress and served for five consecutive terms. In 1884 he was elected Governor of North Carolina by 20,000 majority. After serving out his term of office he retired to private life and became interested in financial enterprises, being at the time of his death president of the bank of Greensboro.

The General has been lingering on the verge of the grave for months and his death has been expected almost daily. Yet it will be sad news to the host of admirers of the brave old soldier. He rests in peace.

A Narrow Escape.

Yesterday evening at 8:20 o'clock a fire was discovered in the agricultural building by Dr. Von Herrmann, which but for prompt work by Messrs. T. C. Harris, Roscoe Nunn and himself would have destroyed much if not all of the building. The fire was in a room lately vacated by Mr. John T. Patrick, which was full of combustible material, and originated in a box under a table. In the box was corn in the ear, which was damp and was packed in straw. Dr. Von Herrmann thinks there was spontaneous combustion, as the doors were locked and no one could get in the room. The rubbish ought to be removed.

Simmons Liver Regulator always cures and prevents indigestion or dyspepsia.

Fifty-Seventh Anniversary of the Societies.

Special to State Chronicle.

WAKE FOREST, N. C., Feb. 9. The fifty seventh anniversary of the two literary societies is drawing near, and a joyful time to all is guaranteed.

The debate begins at 2 o'clock p. m. Friday, the orations at 8 p. m., and after the orations there will be a social gathering in the hall, when the sweetest of sweets will gather.

The special train under the management of Messrs. G. W. Blanton and D. M. Prince will leave Raleigh at 5:30 and returning leave Wake Forest at 1 o'clock. This train gives the people ample time to be here in time for the orations.

Come one; come all, and enjoy the evening at good old Wake Forest.

State Guard News.

General orders received yesterday from the Adjutant-General's department announce that in order to conform to the new drill regulations the regiment is declared to be the unit of organization in the North Carolina State Guard, and shall consist of not less than two nor more than three battalions; the officers of a regiment consist of one colonel, one lieutenant colonel and three majors. Each regiment for the present will be divided into two battalions, to be known as the first and second battalion of such regiment, but in all regimental formations the battalions will be posted according to rank of battalion commanders. The several companies of the regiments are hereby assigned to the battalions as follows: First regiment: first battalion, companies C, D, E and G; second battalion, companies A, B and F. Second regiment: first battalion, companies A, C, D and F; second battalion, companies B, E and G. Third regiment: first battalion, companies C, D, E and F; second battalion, companies A, B, G and I. Fourth regiment: first battalion, companies A, B, D, E and G; second battalion, companies C, F, H and K. The major of each regiment as now constituted is assigned to the command of the first battalion of his regiment; the second battalion of each regiment will be commanded by the senior captain of the regiment, who will be promoted major and commissioned to rank from date of this order.

Governor Holt yesterday issued the following commissions to these new majors: P. J. Macon, first regiment, Warrenton; William Black, second regiment, Maxton; R. B. Glenn, third regiment, Winston; W. F. Holland, fourth regiment, Gastonia.

The general orders also say: "First lieutenant W. E. Shipp, 10th cavalry, U. S. A., having been detailed by the secretary of war for special duty with the North Carolina State Guard, is hereby assigned to duty in the adjutant general's department and will assist in the other departments whenever necessary. He will also instruct all officers and men of the State Guard in the new drill regulations and in small arms practice, visiting the several companies at their stations for this purpose. Company commanders are required to use every effort to have as full attendance of their respective commands as possible whenever he may visit them, giving him all the assistance desired, and all officers and men are urged to render him a hearty co-operation in the performance of the duties imposed upon him, and as an officer of the United States he will be obeyed and respected accordingly."

FLAMES IN MEMPHIS.

Over a Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

ONE LIFE LOST.

One of the Worst Fires Ever Experienced in the South.—Some of the Principal Losers.

By the United Press.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 9. Fire broke out here last night at the corner of Monroe and Main streets and quickly leaped across to Mann's hotel; the flames spread rapidly, turning down Union street, turning east and reaching Third street, where it started north again. On Third street while the Lilly carriage factory was burning a man appeared on the roof and leaped to the ground, where his body lay a shapeless mass; he has not yet been identified. The principal losers by the flames are: Hotel Mann \$100,000, insurance \$50,000; Levy trunk company \$300,000, insurance unknown; Langstaff hardware company \$120,000, insurance \$100,000 (also \$65,000 building lost); Lemon & Catley \$200,000, insurance \$140,000; Welter hardware company \$75,000, insurance \$50,000; William Jackson \$50,000, insurance \$35,000; Wilkinson & Co. \$46,000, insurance \$44,000; and many other smaller losses. The total loss will amount to \$1,100,000. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have been the crossing of electric light wires.

NEWS NOTES.

By The United Press

Hawley Chapman, the actor, is in a Brooklyn insane asylum.

Samuel D. Pool, night editor of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, died last evening.

John Jay Knox, ex-comptroller of the treasury of the United States, died in New York yesterday.

The British Parliament opened yesterday. The Queen in her address alluded touchingly to the death of the Duke of Clarence.

The Richmond Terminal plan of re-organization was completed at yesterday's meeting of the committee and may be made public now at any time.

Capt. John Hughes, one of New Orleans' pioneer ship-builders and the man who built the "Manassas" and other vessels, died in New Orleans yesterday in his 87th year.

Henry Beavers, a young negro, assaulted Miss Chloe White, aged 16, of Wilmar, Arkansas. As soon as the crime was known a posse started out to hunt for the negro, who was caught, taken into the woods, tied to a tree and his body riddled with sixty bullets.

A bill was favorably reported in the United States Senate providing that nothing in the Inter-State Commerce law shall prevent any common carrier from giving reduced rates of transportation and permission to carry baggage in excess of the usual weight to commercial travelers.

The House committee on rules has decided to report a resolution for the investigation of the pension office. The committee on coinage, weights and measures still continues its hearings on the silver question. The New York produce exchange has presented a protest to the passage of the anti-option bill now before the House committee on agriculture. The committee on patents has decided almost unanimously not to consider any measures for the extension of a patent.

A DAINTY WEDDING.

The McGehee-Skinner Marriage at Christ Church.

Beyond question the wedding at Christ church yesterday afternoon just after 5 o'clock was one of the most beautiful affairs of the kind ever seen here. The popularity of the contracting parties as well as their position in society caused unusual interest in the wedding, and the stately church was completely filled. The bride, Miss Eliza Skinner, is the only daughter of Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Skinner, and the groom, Mr. George Badger McGehee, the son of Montford McGehee, Esq. The bridal party entered the church in the following order: The ushers, Messrs. John Marshall, Edgar Haywood, J. M. Morehead and Ludlow Skinner; the bridesmaids, Misses Bessie Tucker, Mattie Fuller, Mabel Hale, Mildred Badger, Octavia Winder, Etta McVea and Maud Marshall of Raleigh and Miss Nina Horner of Oxford. Last came the bride and her maid of honor, Miss Helen McVea. The bride was in white, with veil, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids were all in white. The costuming was very effective and the beauty of the wearers remarkable. The groom, accompanied by his best man, his brother, Mr. W. P. McGehee, met the bride at the chancel. Rev. Dr. Marshall, in his remarkably impressive way, conducted the marriage service. The bride was given away by her father. After the brief service the party left the church, going to Dr. Skinner's residence near by, where an informal reception was held, which was largely attended. At 6:25 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. McGehee left on the western train for a tour, bearing with them the kindest wishes for good fortune and a happy married life.

A Delighted Audience.

Last evening a representative of the CHRONICLE had the rare pleasure of witnessing a performance at the theatre in the insane asylum. Talk about well-bred audiences, no finer one ever gathered in any regular theatre. Say that a lot of females cannot get together without chattering; eighty ladies sat in the audience last evening and their quietness was delicious. It was a happy audience and the performers, Mr. Charles Horwitz and Miss Jessie Lindsay of the Ray L. Royce company, who kindly volunteered to appear, found true gratification in giving an hour's pleasure to the patients. Miss Lindsay, who is grace itself, danced most bewitchingly and was encored. Mr. Horwitz, who is always tuneful, sang several ballads and character songs, showed his versatility in a capital recitation, and won much favor. Prof. Pauli obligingly played the piano. The officers of the asylum were present and thanked Miss Lindsay, Mr. Horwitz and Prof. Pauli warmly for their courtesy. Col. E. G. Harrell, Mrs. J. B. Neathery and Mrs. William Cram attended the performance.

A Raleigh Lady Honored.

At the meeting of the committee on ceremonies at the dedicatory ceremonies of the World's Fair in October, 1892, it was resolved that the members of the World's Columbian Exposition from each of the original thirteen States which formed the union of States should name a lady who shall represent the State in the dedicatory ceremonies. In compliance with this resolution, Col. A. B. Andrews and Col. Thos. B. Keogh, World's Fair Commissioners for North Carolina, have appointed as the representative from this State, Miss Mildred Murphy McPheeters, daughter of Mr. Alex. M. McPheeters, of Raleigh.